

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 were noted in the Disposition of Claims portion of the aforesaid Office Action. Claims 1, 7, and 21-25 have been canceled, and no new claims have been added, leaving claims 2-6, 8-20 and 26-34 for consideration.

Claim 2 was deemed to contain allowable matter, but depended from a rejected claim (claim 1). Claim 2 has been amended to include the matter of claim 1, whereby to present the allowable matter in an independent claim. It appears that claim 2 is now in allowable condition.

Claims 3-6 depend directly or ultimately from claim 2 and would appear to be allowable, at least through dependency.

Claim 8 was deemed to contain allowable matter, but depended from a rejected claim (claim 7). Claim 8 has been amended to include the matter of claim 7, to present the allowable matter in independent claim form. Such would appear to render claim 8 allowable.

Claims 9 and 10 depend from claim 8, and claims 11 and 12 have been amended to depend from claim 8, such that claims 9-12 appear to be allowable, at least through dependency.

Claim 13 stands rejected, but has been amended to include the "tubular shank" feature of claims 2 and 8. It therefore appears that claim 13 is in condition for allowance. Claim 14 depends from claim 13 and appears to be allowable through dependency.

Claims 15-20 stand allowed.

Claims 21-25 are canceled with reservation of right to pursue these claims in a timely filed divisional application.

Claims 26-35 stand allowed.

In addition to amendments to render all claims allowable, additional small amendments have been made to improve form.

It is believed that claims 2-6, 8-20 and 26-34 are in condition for allowance, and allowance thereof is most respectfully requested.

Formal drawings are enclosed herewith.

In event that any additional fees may be required in this matter, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Respectfully submitted,



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